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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING SENATOR JOHN J. TASSONI, JR., FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: June 12, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with regret and sadness that we bid farewell to our good friend and
2 colleague Senator John Tassoni, who is retiring from the Rhode Island Senate, District 22, after
3 twelve years of devoted service to his constituents in North Smithfield and Smithfield and the
4 citizens of the State of Rhode Island; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Tassoni was elected to the Rhode Island Senate in November of
6 2000. Earning the respect of his peers, he currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate
7 Committee on Housing & Municipal Government and is a member of the Senate Committee on
8 Special Legislation; and

9 WHEREAS, An outspoken advocate on a plethora of issues, Senator Tassoni has
10 sponsored and supported public health and environmental protection legislation that would
11 require the safe disposal of potentially toxic human waste, as well as legislation providing
12 advocacy for animals, and was the prime sponsor for the Homeless Bill of Rights; and

13 WHEREAS, A strong leader on affordable housing and homelessness issues throughout
14 his tenure, Senator Tassoni was pivotal in the development of the state's affordable housing
15 statute. He strongly advocated for the funding of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program and
16 sponsored legislation to establish a Homeless Bill of Rights; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Tassoni's commitment to the community extends beyond his
18 service at the State House. He is also a member of myriad business and professional
19 organizations, including serving on the Executive Board of the AFL/CIO, as a member of the

1 International Brotherhood of Elks, Smithfield 2359, and the Smithfield Lions Club, and as an
2 AFL-CIO United Way Counselor. His personal advocacy helped to bring lights to the football
3 fields in Smithfield and North Smithfield, and raise funds for the Lions Club's Cancer in Children
4 Fund. He is also a communicant at St. Michael's Church; and

5 WHEREAS, A prolific and outspoken public servant, one never has to guess about his
6 position on any issue. We know that many newsroom email inboxes will be a little less full; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Tassoni's leadership and tireless devotion to the citizens of the
8 Ocean State have earned him our unqualified admiration and respect, and he will most assuredly
9 be missed; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby honors Senator John J. Tassoni, Jr., as he concludes his service in the Rhode Island
12 General Assembly. We thank him for a job well done, and extend our sincere wishes for his
13 continued health, happiness, and success; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable John J. Tassoni, Jr.

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